# **Long-Term Care**

Property / Casualty and Life Insurance

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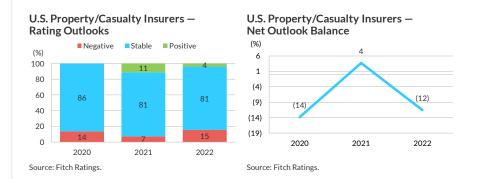
"Following weaker profits and declines in surplus for the U.S. property/casualty insurance industry, results are anticipated to stabilize and modestly improve in 2023 due to commercial and personal lines price increases and higher investment yields."

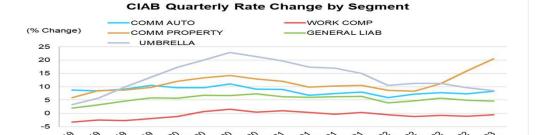
James Auden, Managing Director Fitch Ratings, Inc.

## Property / Casualty Outlook: Neutral

### What to Watch

- Personal auto results slow to recover despite large rate increases
- Convective storm activity drives high 2023 catastrophe losses
- Can pricing keep pace with loss cost trends amid high inflation
- Capital strength maintained following 2022 investment losses
- Reinsurance market in position for better profits





Source: Council of Insurance Agents & Brokers Quarterly Commercial Market Survey.



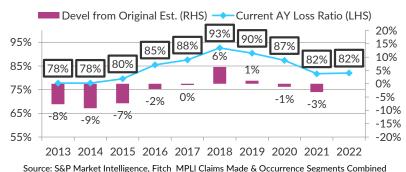
Note: CM - Claims made. Occ - Occurrence. MPLI - Medical Professional Liability Source: S&P Global Market Intelligence.

## Property / Casualty Outlook: MPLI

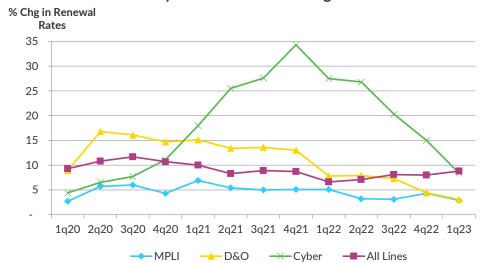
### What to Watch

- Operating results improved in 2022
  - Return to long-term underwriting profitability not likely
- Claim volatility to remain elevated
  - Litigation environment
  - Settlement costs

## P/C Industry MPLI Accident Year Loss & LAE Ratios



# MPLI Price Increases Trail Industry and Other Volatile Segments



Source: Council of Insurance Agents & Brokers Quarterly Commercial Market Survey

**Long-Term Care Facilities: Current View** 



## **Broader Macroeconomic Environment**

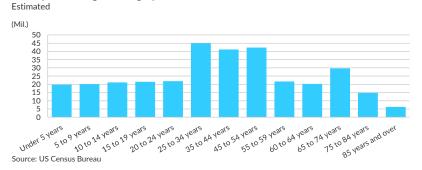
### Macroeconomic Environment

- Core Inflation remains elevated
  - Wage inflation and cost of services likely to keep healthcare costs trending up
- Interest Rate Environment
  - Expect the Fed to continue to move rates up to 5.75%
  - Asset yields expected to benefit insurers
- Credit conditions tightening
  - Banking crisis
  - Recession fears
- Population demographics continue to support demand
  - Will continue to be substantial need for senior living / skilled care facilities
  - Cost to the individual will continue to be an issue

US Macroeconomic Forecast						
(%)	Annual Average 2018-2022	2022	2023F	2024F		
GDP Growth	2.1	2.1	1.2	0.5		
Inflation (end of period)	3.6	6.5	3.6	2.7		
Interest Rates (end of period)						
US Fed Funds Rate	1.40	4.50	5.75	4.25		
US 10-year yield	2.05	3.88	4.25	4.00		
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Source: Fitch Ratings

#### **US Population Age Demographics**



## Long-Term Care Facilities: Current View and Looking Ahead

### **Current View**

- Industry remains concentrated in the top writers
  - Top 5 are 55% of total industry direct written premiums
- Pandemic related concerns have largely passed
  - Industry shifting losses did not emerge
  - Occupancy still lagging pre-pandemic levels modestly
- Staffing issues remain key issue
  - Temporary solutions can introduce additional issues
- Litigation environment
  - Litigation financing
  - Higher defense costs
  - Volatility in severity

### **Looking Ahead**

- Pricing momentum shows signs of fading
- Material reductions in litigation risk through legislative reform seem unlikely
  - Increased severity could also result from additional consumer protection laws
- Consolidation within industry could further entrench large underwriters
- M&A activity expected to remain muted
  - Larger multi-line's unlikely to have an interest in acquiring additional broad MPLI business.

Long-Term Care Facilities: Methodologies and Limitations



# Facilities: Methodologies and Limitations

### **US Statutory Financial Statements**

- Primary source of data utilized in Fitch's analysis
  - Aggregated to group level
    - Utilize either S&P Capital IQ Groups or Combined Statements
- Underwriting data
  - Supplement A of Schedule T (Direct Premiums and Losses)
  - IEE Product Line Allocations
  - Schedule P analysis
- Filings present several challenges
  - Granularity is hard to come by
    - Several product lines grouped under single broader category
  - Affiliated and un-affiliated reinsurance impacts ratios
    - Shifting of business into captives further clouds the industry picture



# Top 15 Insurance Groups by Direct Premium

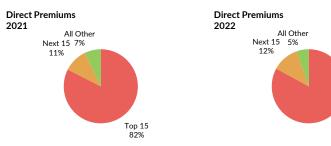
	A11	Insurer Financial		Direct Written Premium: Facilities	% of Total Direct Written
Company Name	Abbreviation	Strength Rating	Outlook	(\$US Mil.)	Premiums
National Indemnity Company (Berkshire Hathaway)	BRK	AA+	Stable	421,865	0.7%
Liberty Mutual Insurance Company	LMG	WD	WD	247,565	0.5%
Continental Casualty Company (CNA Financial Corp.)	CNA	A+	Stable	211,096	1.7%
The Doctors Company, An Interinsurance Exchange	TDC	Α	Stable	106,996	8.0%
Munich Reinsurance America, Inc.	Munich	AA	Stable	85,007	2.1%
American International Group, Inc.	AIG	A+	Stable	72,961	0.5%
Arch Capital Group (U.S.) Inc.	ACGL	AA-	Stable	72,023	1.4%
Assorted Markel Insurance Companies	MKL	WD	WD	65,455	0.8%
Health Care Industry Liability Reciprocal*	HCL	NR	NR	60,413	100.0%
ACE American Insurance Company (Chubb Limited)	ACE	AA	Stable	59,948	0.2%
Caring Communities a Reciprocal RRG*	CCR	NR	NR	59,060	94.8%
Coverys	COV	NR	NR	54,742	7.4%
Allied World Assurance Holdings Group	AWA	NR	NR	41,448	1.3%
Church Mutual Insurance Company, S.I.	CMIC	NR	NR	35,773	2.9%
MMIC Insurance, Inc.	MMIC	NR	NR	31,557	15.4%

NR - Not Rated. WD - Withdrawn. \* - Individual company, all other reported based on YE 2022 combined statement data.

## **Direct Premium and Loss Trends**

### **Direct Premiums and Losses**

- Represents Direct Premiums Written for Industry as a Whole
  - Industry continues to be driven by Top 15 underwriters
    - Top 5 wrote majority of business in 2022
  - New entrants may impact pricing to some extent
- Direct Losses a Good Indicator of Overall Health of the Line
  - Agnostic to reinsurance arrangements
  - Premium growth outpacing losses in recent years
  - Median direct loss ratio for 15 largest underwriters was 42% and high was 73%



Source: Fitch Ratings, S&P Market Intelligence

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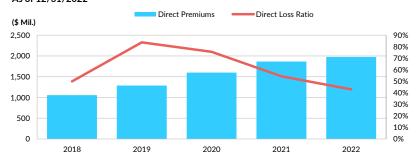
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Top 15

#### Direct Premium and Loss Trends As of 12/31/2022



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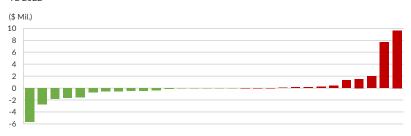
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## Long-Term Care Facilities LOB

### Reserve Development and Statutory Underwriting

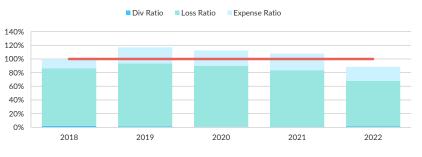
- Favorable 1 and 2 Year Statutory Reserve Development
  - Based on a review of 42 statutory entities representing 29% of direct written premiums
  - 12 Companies who reported zero development were removed from chart
  - Overall development was \$6 mil. favorable at 1 year and \$22 mil. over 2 years
- Statutory Combined Ratio Improving
  - Benefitting from rate increases and underlying loss trends
  - Risks remain as litigation costs continue to rise and staffing issues persist
  - Some distortion from reinsurance

### Statutory Reserve Development - 1 Year YE 2022



Source: Fitch Ratings, S&P Global Market Intelligence

#### **Statutory Combined Ratio**



Source: Fitch Ratings, S&P Global Market Intelligence

Long-Term Care Facilities: Ratings Impact



# Long-Term Care Facilities: Ratings Impact

### **Limited Ratings Impact**

- Limited relative exposure among Fitch rated companies
- Broader commercial lines trends may impact ratings

Company Name	Abbreviation	Insurer Financial Strength Rating	Outlook	Company Profile Score	2021 Prism Score	Underwriting Risk Allocation
National Indemnity Company (Berkshire	/ ISSI CVICTION	Justing Thating	Gallook	30010	30010	7 (110 cation
Hathaway)	BRK	AA+	Stable	aa+	Ex. Strong	NA
Continental Casualty Company (CNA Financial Corp.)	CNA	A+	Stable	aa-	Ex. Strong	11%
The Doctors Company, An Interinsurance Exchange	TDC	А	Stable	a-	Ex. Strong	17%
Munich Reinsurance America, Inc.	Munich	AA	Stable	aa+	NA	NA
American International Group, Inc.	AIG	A+	Stable	aa	Strong	20%
Arch Capital Group (U.S.) Inc.a	ACGL	AA-	Stable	aa-	Ex. Strong	NA
ACE American Insurance Company (Chubb Limited)	ACE	AA	Stable	aa+	Very Strong	11%





"Macroeconomic conditions will remain volatile in 2023. Favorably, life insurers will benefit from rising interest rates and their strong balance sheets are viewed as a partial mitigant against a recession and resulting credit losses that could emerge."

Jamie Tucker, Senior Director Fitch Ratings, Inc.

# Life and Annuity Outlook: Neutral

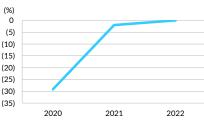
### What to Watch

- Macroeconomic Volatility to Affect Profitability
- Rising Rates Materially Beyond Expectations
- Legacy Underpriced Business
- Alternative Investment Manager / Life Insurance Tie-ups

#### North American Life Insurers -**Rating Outlooks**

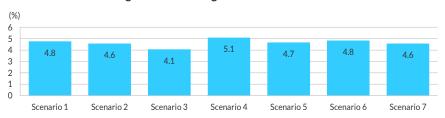


#### North American Life Insurers -**Net Outlook Balance**



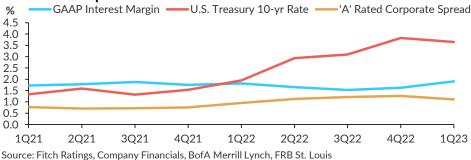
#### Source: Fitch Ratings.

#### 2021 Cash Flow Testing - Reserve Margin



Note: Scenario 1: Level. Scenario 2: +5% over 10 years then level. Scenatrio 3: +5% over five years than negative 5% over five years. Scenario 4: Up 3%. Scenario 5: Negative 5% over 10 years than level, subject to a floor. Scenario 6: Negative 5% over five years subject to a floor than +5% for five years. Scenario 7: Negative 3% subject to a floor. Source: Fitch Ratings.

### **Yields and Spreads**



**Long-Term Care Insurance: Current View** 



# Long-Term Care: Current View and Looking Ahead

### **Current View**

- Overall industry exposure represents roughly 34% of total adjusted capital, up from 28% in 2021
  - Top 15 are 90% of total industry reserves
- Continues to be one of the riskiest product lines in Fitch's view
  - Long-term, correlated assumptions
  - Necessary rate increases can be hampered by regulatory authorities
  - Very sensitive to investment yields and movements in interest rates
- Regulatory environment
  - Consumer protections
- Growth in hybrid life products
- Third-party solutions still difficult to accomplish

### **Looking Ahead**

- Pandemic claim and severity trends nearer to "normal" levels
  - Pandemic trend towards home care normalizing
- Increased mortality may still linger
  - Impacted by demographics and attained ages
- Higher interest rates benefitting reserves and operating results
  - Stronger investment returns
- Despite recent improvements, Fitch's expectation is that reserves will continue to require strengthening in the future



Long-Term Care Insurance: Methodologies and Limitations



# Methodologies and Limitations

### **US Statutory Financial Statements**

- Primary source of data utilized in Fitch's analysis of long-term care
  - Aggregated to group level
  - Reserve adjustment for domestic captives and offshore affiliated entities
    - Analysis includes captive capital
- Long-term care data scattered across multiple schedules
  - Exhibit 6
  - Accident and Health Policy Experience Form
  - Long-Term Care Supplement
  - Analysis of Operations by LOB
  - Exhibit 8
- Filings present several challenges to analysis
  - Inconsistent data across and within exhibits
    - Differing approaches across companies
    - Accounting treatment differs across schedules
  - Incomplete filings

# Methodologies and Limitations

### **US GAAP and IFRS Statements**

- Utilized as a complimentary source of data in Fitch's analysis
  - Better visibility into reserve assumptions and sensitivities to macroeconomic factors
- Limitations
  - Disclosures vary across the industry
  - Relatively minor differences in assumptions lead to large changes in reserve levels
- Introduction of Long-duration Targeted Improvements
  - Changes in interest rates having material impact on reported equity and reserves
    - Fitch views these movements as non-economic

Long-Term Care Insurance: Industry Exposure and Reserve Adequacy



# Top 15 Insurance Groups by Reserves

Company Name	Abbreviation	Insurer Financia Strength Rating		Reserves (\$US Mil.)	Reserves / Statutory Capital
Genworth Financial, Inc.	GNW	NR	NR	32,403	Very High
Manulife Financial Corporation (John Hancock)	MFC	AA-	Stable	30,105	Very High
General Electric Company <sup>1</sup>	GE	NR	NR	28,483	Very High
MetLife, Inc.	MET	AA-	Stable	17,214	Very High
Unum Group	UNM	A-	Positive	16,508	Very High
Prudential Financial Inc.	PRU	AA-	Stable	9,618	Moderate
Northwestern Mutual	NWM	AAA	Stable	7,861	Low
Aegon N.V. (Transamerica)	AEG	NR	NR	6,452	Very High
Thrivent Financial	TFL	NR	NR	6,182	Moderate
New York Life	NYL	AAA	Stable	4,258	Low
Continental General Insurance Co.	CGIC	NR	NR	3,476	Very High
Mutual of Omaha	МОН	NR	NR	3,463	Very High
Reinsurance Group of America, Inc.	RGA	Α	Positive	3,384	Very High
Ameriprise Financial <sup>2</sup>	AMP	NR	NR	2,917	Very High
Wilton Re Ltd.	WRE	Α	Stable	2,673	High

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# Reserve Adequacy: Overview

Company Name	Reserves / Covered Life	Individual Business Share	Exposure to Legacy Business	Benefit Ratio	Interest Adjusted Benefit Ratio
Genworth Financial, Inc.	Strong	Strong	Strong	Adequate	Strong
Manulife Financial Corporation (John Hancock)	Adequate	Very Strong	Strong	Adequate	Very Strong
General Electric Company <sup>1</sup>	Very Strong	Adequate	Somewhat Weak	Somewhat Weak	Somewhat Weak
MetLife, Inc.	Strong	Very Strong	Very Strong	Somewhat Weak	Strong
Unum Group	Somewhat Weak	Very Strong	Somewhat Weak	Somewhat Weak	Adequate
Prudential Financial Inc.	Very Strong	Very Strong	Strong	Somewhat Weak	Very Strong
Northwestern Mutual	Strong	Adequate	Very Strong	Adequate	Strong
Aegon N.V. (Transamerica)	Adequate	Strong	Adequate	Adequate	Strong
Thrivent Financial	Very Strong	Adequate	Somewhat Weak	Somewhat Weak	Adequate
New York Life	Adequate	Strong	Strong	Adequate	Strong
Continental General Insurance Co.	Very Strong	Strong	Adequate	Adequate	Very Strong
Mutual of Omaha	Somewhat Weak	Strong	Very Strong	Adequate	Strong
Reinsurance Group of America, Inc.	Somewhat Weak	Adequate	NA	Strong	Adequate
Ameriprise Financial <sup>2</sup>	Strong	Strong	Somewhat Weak	Somewhat Weak	Strong
Wilton Re	Very Strong	Adequate	NA	Somewhat Weak	Very Strong

Source: Fitch Ratings, Inc., company filings, S&P Global Market Intelligence

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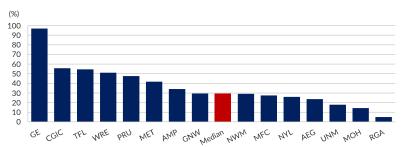
## Reserve Adequacy

### Reserves Per Covered Life

- Represents statutory reserves allocated per life covered
  - Considered relative to median of Top 15 writers
  - Does not account for differences in group versus individual business or policy year vintage
- General Electric Co. and Unum Group have permitted practices in place with their respective regulators allowing them to strengthen reserves over time.
  - Can be indicator of appropriate level of reserves per covered life
  - Policy type may also play and impact as indemnity only policies typically require lower reserve levels
- Trend for many companies has been positive as interest rates have risen.

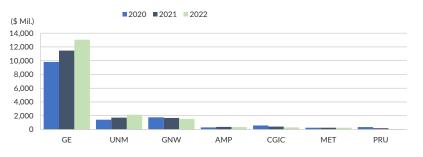
### Reserves per Covered Life

As of 12/31/2022



Source: Fitch Ratings, S&P Global Market Intelligence

#### **Additional Actuarial Reserves**



Source: Fitch Ratings, S&P Global Market Intelligence

# Reserve Adequacy

### **Underwriting Performance**

- Benefit ratio
  - Premiums continue to be inadequate to support claims
  - Investment performance and interest earned on reserves continues to be pivotal factor in underwriting performance.
    - Benefitting from current higher interest rate environment

#### 2022 Underwriting Performance



Source: Fitch Ratings, S&P Global Market Intelligence



# **Company Profile**

Company Name	Abbreviation	Insurer Financial Strength Rating	Outlook	Company Profile Score	Considers LTC
Manulife Financial Corporation (John Hancock)	MFC	AA-	Stable	aa	Yes
General Electric Company <sup>1</sup>	GE	NR	NR	NR	Yes
MetLife, Inc.	MET	AA-	Stable	aa+	No
Unum Group	UNM	A-	Positive	а	Yes
Prudential Financial Inc.	PRU	AA-	Stable	aa+	Yes
Northwestern Mutual	NWM	AAA	Stable	aa+	Yes
New York Life	NYL	AAA	Stable	aa+	Yes
Reinsurance Group of America, Inc.	RGA	Α	Positive	aa-	Yes
Wilton Re	WRE	Α	Stable	a-	Yes

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# Capitalization

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Manulife Financial Corporation (John	ASSICVIACION	rating	Janook	30010	30010
Hancock)	MFC	AA-	Stable	aa	NA
General Electric Company <sup>1</sup>	GE	NR	NR	NA	NA
MetLife, Inc.	MET	AA-	Stable	aa-	Very Strong
Unum Group	UNM	A-	Stable		Strong
Prudential Financial Inc.	PRU	AA-	Stable	a+	Strong
Northwestern Mutual	NWM	AAA	Stable	aaa	Extremely Strong
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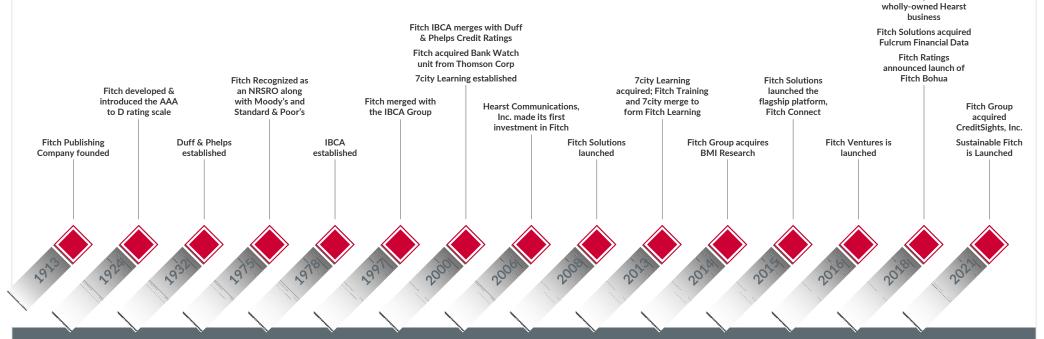


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